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South Shankill Residents' Association New Committee

The South Shankill Residents' Association was founded in 1967 and ran successfully for many many years.
A meeting was held in the Bowling Club on 17th January last to establish if there was an interest in reinstating the South Shankill Residents Assocation. This well attended meeting voted unanimously to reinstate the SSRA. On Thursday 9th Feb the first meeting of volunteers was held and the following committee were elected:

Chair: Noeleen Behan – Shanganagh Grove

Treasurer: Donal Quinlan – Shrewsbury Road

Secretary: Gerry Fahey – Cherrington Road

P.R.O.: Susan Somers – Shanganagh Grove

We will be in touch with our residents soon with further information and our contact details.

The Shankill Scrabble Group

The Shankill Scrabble Group is now up and running and meets fortnightly. New players welcome.

Phone or text **Tim on 087 744 7358**

OLD FOLKS BOOK SALE

Book Sale takes place on first Saturday of every month in the Old Folks Centre, Lower Road, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All proceeds in aid of the Old Folks Centre. Book donations welcome on the day.

SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND DIVORCED-AND-RE-MARRIED PEOPLE

A support network for separated, divorced and divorced-and-re-married people has been set up within the St. Anne's Parish community and all are welcome to contact us by texting ***087 381 4213*** or by emailing us at ***listeningear14@gmail.com***

A supportive, compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how the network can be of help to you...either through one-to-one contact or by welcoming you into our monthly support group meetings. Some people may opt for both types of support, which are freely available to everyone.

All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

The Support Network
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Inside Security: Do you ask for identification before allowing unknown servicemen / callers into your home? Do you avoid leaving cash at home? Have you automatic timers on some lights when your house is vacant? Does your home always look like someone is at home? Have you recorded serial numbers of your valuables? Have you, for identification purposes, photographed your valuables especially items for which you have no serial numbers such as jewellery, china, crystal, paintings, antiques etc.? Are your car / house keys kept in a location not visible from the outside?

Outside Security: Is your house number visible from the street? Is there sufficient illumination around your home to allow visible inspection of any dark areas around it? Is there sufficient external lighting outside every door to illuminate visitors? Do neighbours and passers-by have a clear view of your home? Have you trimmed all hedges and shrubs so they can't hide a burglar at work on the windows and doors? Have you ever walked around your house looking for ways a burglar might be able to get in? Do you keep tools or ladders etc. in places inaccessible to potential burglars? Are machines, tools and other high value items stored in garages or sheds securely padlocked or chained to prevent removal? Is your shed / garage secured?

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Source: www.garda.ie; www.citizensinformation.ie

Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

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Work Programme 2017: Community Involvement Required

The Tidy Towns' New Year has begun with your committee agreeing a programme of work and liaising with DLR officials. Now, the work must begin in earnest.

Our first project for this year has already been completed with birdboxes installed near the entrances to the three primary schools and we await,with anticipation, our feathered friends taking up residence.

Litter collection and eliminating graffiti head the list along with attention to flowerbeds, planters, grass edging, weeding and painting. Because we were very successful last year in both competitions (National Tidy Towns and DLR Tidy Districts), we will be hard pressed to maintain our achievement - any improvement will require a lot of additional effort.

For the last two years, we had the considerable benefit of Ian, our excellent part-time worker under the Gateway community programme. Now that such schemes have been discontinued, that vacuum must be filled by extra voluntary effort.

More than ever, we need residents to take part in regular work sessions. From March onwards, we propose to have two hour sessions, meeting at Brady's on Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 10.30am. Please come whenever you can; we'd love to see you even if you can't come every week or stay for the full two hours. When the evenings are longer, we will also resume our Thursday evening sessions.

In the past, most residents have found participation in the work sessions very rewarding and even therapeutic. So make 2017 your year to do your bit.

Keeping Shankill Tidy, and Clean

Fouling of footpaths is a growing problem and shows lack of consideration to other pedestrians. Dog walkers, please clean up after your pet. We also ask that if you bag the waste, please then bin it, as dumped plastic bags of dog waste are particularly unsightly and are not biodegradable.

As the gardening season is about to start, we ask gardeners not to dispose of their green waste in public areas, as this undermines our efforts to keep our community tidy. Please use brown bins or bring to Ballyogan where it can be disposed of for a small charge. Better still, why not start your own compost heap.

Shanks Mare Community Walks

Given the success of our community walks over Christmas, we are planning more walks on bank holiday weekends at Easter and June.

Bring Summer Colour to Your Local Area

The committee is also willing to install a number of small flowerbeds in different areas, but only if we have agreement in advance that one or more residents will maintain them for 2017.

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Positively Menopausal

by Ailish Connelly

The very word menopause may dredge up a picture of a deranged midlife woman, angry and unreasonable and generally being an unpleasant, unmanageable mess. Well thanks for that description, agrees no woman…ever, even if the internal truth may occasionally reflect it.

And every woman's menopause is as different from each other as the unique coils of our fingerprints.

Like so much else in our modern world, the menopause is now being dragged out into the light and being examined for what it actually is: a stage in life that is as natural as all the other stages a woman lives through.

Do you know that the word menopause has no equivalent in Japanese. Women there go through this age in life, 45-55, without any of the, sometimes debilitating, symptoms that western women suffer: fatigue, hot flashes, night sweats, mood swings, low libido, irritability, weight gain, joint pain, there are 34 different symptoms and changes possible at this time. Many women will suffer some symptoms, some will suffer many and some won't suffer at all. It is all down to our biochemical individuality…we are all different!

A healthy diet is certainly one reason some nationalities don't suffer. So to attempt to limit your symptoms eat:

- Fresh seasonal veg and fruit.
- Fresh green leafy veg.
- Complex carbs such as brown rice, quinoa, sweet potatoes.
- Lentils, chicpeas, beans and peas.
- Good quality fats such as coconut oil, olive oil, avocado, some butter.
- Wild oily fish, lean meats (organic) and some dairy, organic if possible (less pesticides and added antibiotics and growth hormones)
- Yeast free bread (yeast can cause thrush and bloating around menopause and also sugar cravings)
- Fermented soya, such as tofu or tempeh
- Nuts and seeds.
- Avoid white sugar and foods containing it, white refined simple carbs, tea, coffee, very hot drinks and alcohol. And run a mile from processed foods; packet food with unpronounceable ingredients and multiples of those odd ingredients. If you don't know what it is, then you cannot know what it might do to your body. During menopause the system can become ultra sensitive; to the falling production of oestrogen and to natural and unnatural chemicals in our food and in the environment.

There are lots of supplement, herbs and alternative treatments such as homeopathy that can help too.

- Sage is great for hot flushes so take a sage tablet in the evening or make some sage tea from the herb. Allow it to cool before you drink. You can grow some at home in a window box or in the garden and it grows easily.
- Rhodiala herb or complex (Viridian) is good for anxiety and mental/physical exhaustion.
- Evening Primrose Oil contains GLA Gamma Linolenic Acid and Omega 6 fatty acid which aids balance of hormones. Soy isoflavones in supplement form help regulate hormonal activity and Omega 3 fish oils help cardiovascular and mucous membrane health. MenoMin Krill for women from Cleanmarine are a good brand to try.
- Homeopathy can work on a deep systemic level : sulphur, pulsatilla, sepia and Lachesis are recommended for various types of hot flushes but consult a good homeopath.

Your GP can help with heavy symptoms and you can start with a blood test.

And last but not least, try lifestyle changes: reduce chemical load on your body by choosing eco-friendly cosmetics and household products; wear loose clothing; get gentle regular exercise such as yoga or walking, try meditation and try lowering stress in your life. Stay positive, its manageable and there is lots of help out there.

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Paddy Hughes PRO

The Annual Bowling game against Dun Laoighaire Bowling Club, in aid of the Simon Community, was held on the DL green recently. This event raised €2,000 and loads of food was donated for this worthy cause. Thanks to all participants and those who donated.

The following report is from our all-weather league captain, Jim Kelly:

The All-Weather Bowling League (AWBL) is now just ending, with Shankill finishing in a respectable middle table position. Our congratulations to all concerned, who turned out each Saturday morning regardless of conditions, keeping the club's profile to the fore. We now look forward to the start of the Summer Leagues.

The AWBL is a competition which runs from October to March, played on synthetic bowling greens in and around the Dublin area, and was founded in 2001. The competition ensures all year utilization of the new synthetic greens. Originally, the competition was held just between clubs possessing this type of green. Soon, though, "grass" bowlers from other clubs realized that this competition not only ensured they could indulge the love of the game all year round, but they could improve their skills mastering the synthetic carpet in Winter and using these skills in the Summer games.

Unfortunately, the game of bowls suffers an image problem, in that it is invariably promoted as a game to keep geriatrics occupied in sedate exercise. However, at the top competitive level, bowls is no different from many other sports. The top performers are those who started playing at the earliest opportunity, and were properly coached and encouraged as youngsters. The difference with bowls is that having acquired these skills at an early age, these skills then remain with competitors much longer than purely physical strength sports. The AWBL is not segregated into Mens' and Womens' competitions as the Summers Games are. In fact, the AWBL games are between mixed teams, which is a rule of the league competitions. The standard of teams can vary from International level, National competition level to almost raw beginners. The age range similarly can vary from under 20 years of age to over 90, every week!! This is sporting equality at its optimum. We are happy to say that Shankill has won this league twice and has been runner-up once.

We are happy to welcome new members of all ages.

Mick Dixon, Men's Captain

Members playing on our green

Alan Vaughan

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Recipe

by Vivien Reid

Melty Onion Toasts

This starter recipe makes a good lunch or snack for hungry teenagers.

Serves 6
Make the onion topping for this simple gastropub-style starter up to two days ahead.

50g butter
6 onions
2 tsp golden caster sugar
6 slices sourdough bread
300g mature cheddar cheese, sliced
splash of brandy (optional)

Heat the butter in a sauté pan, add the onions, then sprinkle over the sugar. Sweat the onions for 20 mins over a medium heat, stirring them occasionally, until sticky and golden. Add the brandy, if using, reduce down to nothing, then season to taste. This onion topping can be made 2 days ahead and kept covered.
Heat oven to 200C/180Cfan/gas 6. Toast the bread, spread the onions over, then top with slices of cheese. The toasts can be made up 1 hr ahead. Place on a baking tray, then bake for 15 mins until bubbling and golden. Serve each piece of toast on a plate with some dressed salad leaves next to it.

Beef & Vegetable Casserole

The casserole is cooked slowly and is ideal when heading out for the day – it could be cooked in a slow cooker instead of the oven. Lovely smells and a tasty meal ready to eat when you come home hungry!

Serves 5
A traditional braised beef stew with thick, rich gravy - an ideal recipe for cheap cuts as slow-cooking guarantees a tender dish.
2 celery sticks, thinly sliced
1 onion chopped
2 really big carrots, halved lengthways then very chunkily sliced
5 bay leaves
3 sprigs of thyme
1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 tbsp butter
2 tbsp plain flour
2 tbsp tomato puree
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
2 beef stock cubes, crumbled
850g (approx 2lbs) stewing beef, cut into large chunks.

Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Put the kettle on. Put the celery, onion, carrots, bay and 1 thyme sprig in a casserole dish with 1 tbsp oil and the butter. Soften for 10 mins, then stir in the flour until it doesn't look dusty anymore, followed by the tomato purée, Worcestershire sauce and beef stock cubes. Gradually stir in 600ml hot water, then tip in the beef and bring to a gentle simmer. Cover and put in the oven for 2hrs 30 mins, then uncover and cook for 30mins to 1hr more until the meat is really tender and the sauce is thickened. Serve with potatoes, rice or crusty bread, green vegetable or side salad.

Tip: *Soya sauce could be used instead of Worcestershire sauce. No extra salt is needed as the stock cubes and sauce will add enough. Adding pepper or other spices would give additional flavour.*
Lamb, pork or poultry could replace beef but use vegetable stock cubes.

Recipes from www.bbcgoodfood.com

A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituent,

Irish people are living longer than ever; the number of us living to be over 80 is set to quadruple in the coming years. It makes it all the more important that we plan for the future. I am committed to promoting the interests and concerns of older people in my work in the Constituency, at Cabinet level and in Dáil Éireann. This month I would like to highlight some supports available for older people as well as addressing a concern raised to me by several older constituents regarding pensions and Brexit.

UK PENSIONS AND BREXIT
As of today, the UK remains in the EU and there are no changes to the current system whereby National Insurance contributions in the UK count towards an Irish State pension. In the event of the UK leaving the EU this would have to be re-negotiated between governments and the EU, but please rest assured that I will campaign vigorously to protect your pension entitlements.

THE HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVE (HSE) provides a range of services for older people, including in-patient acute services, step down and convalescent care, day services, rehabilitation, community services, home care and home help.
Website: www.hse.ie Information Line 1850 24 1850.

NURSING HOMES SUPPORT SCHEME (FAIR DEAL)
The Nursing Homes Support Scheme provides financial support for people who need long-term nursing home care. Under the scheme, on the basis of an assessment of your care needs and a means test, you will make a contribution towards the cost of your care and the State will pay the balance, whether the nursing homes is public, private or voluntary. The HSE will provide a list of nursing homes to choose from. The HSE Nursing Homes Support Office for the area can be contacted on (045) 880 400.

HOME CARE SCHEMES
A Home Care Package can fund a care plan in the family home to keep a person out of institutional care. Application form available online at www.hse.ie or by calling 1890 24 1850 or Dún Laoghaire Social Welfare Office on (01) 214 5540.

Carers' Allowance: A carer who is living with a person requiring full-time care can apply for a means-tested weekly Carer's Allowance plus an annual respite grant. Information and application forms can be obtained from Dún Laoghaire Social Welfare Office (18-21 Cumberland Street) on (01) 214 5540 or via the Department of Social Protection at 1890 927 770 or online at *www.welfare.ie*

Home Help Services work with vulnerable people in the community, who, through illness or disability, are in the need of help with day to day tasks such as housework, shopping or personal care. Apply to the local health nurse who will assess your need for the service, and process the application. Local Health Office Tivoli Road, Dun Laoghaire (01) 284 3579/236 5200.

HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS & GRANTS
If you are aged 70 or over, or permanently incapacitated, and living alone (except for dependents, a spouse on social welfare, another pensioner or someone giving you full-time care) you can receive the following concessions along with your social welfare pension:

Electricity/Gas allowance - €35 monthly. Contact 1890 500 000

Free TV Licence – this is automatically notified to An Post from the next renewal date of the TV licence after you become eligible for the household benefits package.

Housing Aids for Older People – up to 95% grant in owner-occupied homes, for persons aged 66 or over, of up to €8,000 for necessary improvements – rewiring, roof repair, central heating (where none) and replacing of existing boiler when broken beyond repair. This grant is means tested. More information from Citizens Information Centre (0761) 077 400.

Mobility Aids – up to 100% grant of up to €6,000 to address mobility problems, certified by a doctor and an occupational therapist (e.g. rails, ramps, stair lifts and level access showers) in owned or privately rented homes where the annual income is under €30,000. More information from Citizens Information Centre (0761) 077 400.

Housing Adaptation (Disability) - up to 95% grant of up to €30,000 to adapt a home to suit the needs of a person with an enduring disability (e.g. downstairs toilet/shower, wheelchair adaptation, extension etc.). This must be certified by a doctor and an occupational therapist and is means tested.
This grant is available to people living in owned or privately rented homes. More information from Citizens Information Centre (0761) 077 400.

OTHER BENEFITS
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If there are any issues or concerns that I, or my team, can help you with, please get in touch. We can be contacted on 01-6312219 or by email to *mary.mitchelloconnor@oireachtas.ie*

Yours Sinerely,

Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

Shankill Classical Music Club

Russian Music

The first of February, first day of spring: introducing her programme of Russian music, Sheila Thomson joked that she should really be playing Igor Stravinsky's famous Rite of Spring. (But as we had had an excerpt from that in the January programme she may have felt it a bit too much? As the Russian spring is always much later than the Irish, maybe it was also a hint for our March or April presenters?)

She did include one piece by Stravinsky, the first movement from his violin concerto – rhythmic and spiky as always with Stravinsky, but written in his neo-classical style, almost twenty years after the explosive Rite of 1913. The soloist was the famous Russian Maxim Vengerov, no stranger to Ireland (and booked to play the Sibelius concerto in the National Concert Hall on 7 April).

The earliest piece on the programme was a short sacred song by the 17th century Vasily Titov. As it happens, the performers were also recent visitors to the NCH, the American male vocal group Chanticleer. The singers in the last piece of the evening, an excerpt from Rachmaninov's Vespers, were the British choir Tenebrae, also due shortly in the NCH (10 May, in an all-Russian programme).

Much of the rest of the evening was nineteenth-century orchestral music, although there was one other vocal piece: Placido Domingo in the best-known aria from Tchaikovsky's best-known opera Eugene Onegin. The RTE NSO had an outing in a movement from an orchestral suite by the same composer, and there were blockbuster overtures by Glinka and Borodin played by the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Georg Solti. Both of these, as it happens, were from operas based on real or legendary figures from Russian history (Ruslan and Ludmila, and Prince Igor, respectively), and another such turned up in the form of a seven-minute movement from a seventy-minute symphony by the relatively unfamiliar Reinhold Glière (1875-1956), loosely based around the ancient legend of one Il'ya Muromets.

Gliere's symphony dates from 1911, but its style is a throwback to the nineteenth century, as indeed is that of the most familiar music of the evening, the ultra-romantic slow movement of the second piano concerto by Rachmaninov, which in 1900-1901 kick-started the composer's stuttering career. The soloist in our session was one of the most frequently recorded pianists of today, the Hungarian Jenő Jandó. Does anyone know if he has ever played in Ireland?

For full details of all the pieces and performers, see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org. Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

The March meeting will be on Wednesday 1st. Operatic and orchestral music are on the menu. Put the date in your diary now!

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Igor Stravinsky (1882 - 1971)

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A monthly digest from SCAN's own Whitehouse correspondent.

by Meabh Airtinn

At our first monthly press briefing in the Whitehouse kitchen, President Trump explained his choice of location for the event saying that he wanted to connect with ordinary Americans and to explain what he would be doing to improve their daily lives. He asked the First Lady to explain the function of each of the devices in the room to the press corps. The President seemed genuinely happy, even surprised, to hear the details. He then proceeded to give updates and set forth policy as follows:

"All cookers will now be made in Detroit and as they will be in Farenheit, which is hotter than Celsius, American food will cook faster than anywhere else in the world – saving time for millions of Americans who still eat at home"

"We will be deporting millions of illegals immediately. But we are taking steps to ensure that this does not affect our way of life" the President beamed.

He continued "As many illegals pick fruit and vegetables, we have decided to outlaw these immediately. This won't be a problem, since real men only eat red meat anyway. This will not be applied to the potato, as we may need the Irish-American vote. Also, I have arranged from the Irish leader Edna Kennedy to bring garnish from the old sod when she visits on St. Patty's Day. I look forward to meeting her and grabbing the opportunity".

"On the topic of Ireland, their economy is great, you wouldn't believe it. Bigly! So therefore, I will be deporting, excuse me, repatriating all the illegals working in Irish bars. These bars will now be staffed by the cast of Michael Flatley's 'Lord of the Dance' who apparently are having a tough time finding work since dancing at my inauguration. Also, as everyone knows, all top level Irish dancers were born in the USA anyway".

"We will also be deporting all of New York's taxi drivers. This will greatly reduce our dependence on foreign oil, so you see, I really am tough on the environment. It will also mean a lot less traffic for the limos to face on the school run – which several donors have told me is a real problem".

The Donald took on a serious tone as he reported that work on The WALL has been halted. "We realized that the Mexicans who are building it will be trapped in the US if it gets any higher, so we are looking for a way for them to go to the other side without it looking like we are shipping jobs to Mexico. Suggestions from the workers themselves include building tunnels under the wall".

Commenting on his first official trip to Europe, the President mentioned that he would be making an offer for Buckingham Palace "It's a great location, believe me, lots of tourists! I'm not doing this deal, it's going to be done by my son, Barron. We look forward to the opening of 'The Barron of Buckingham Palace's Adventure Playground'. My advisors tell me that this might also stop people from asking the First Lady and I why we called him that."

The President concluded "Next month, we will have our briefing in the Whitehouse Library and it's going to be great, believe me".

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Cllr. Carrie Smyth

PUBLIC LIGHTING ON CORBAWN DRIVE

I received representations from residents about the public lights on Corbawn Drive as some of them were out of order or would come on for a short period and then go off. I contacted the Public Lighting Section in the Council and I received the following reply:

"The problem was the time clock to turn on and off had gone out by over an hour. A new time clock and a relamp of some of the lights was carried out today (6th February)."

COMMONS ROAD ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The proposed scheme includes for the provision of 3 new ramps between the existing ramp near the N11 and Shanganagh Road.

Public Consultation:
Public consultation was carried out between Monday 5th December 2016 and Friday 13th January 2017.
- An advertisement was placed in the local paper
- Cori board signs were erected on Commons Road
- Information was posted on social media
- The relevant documents were added to Citizens Space
- A display was placed in County Hall

4 no. submissions were received during the consultation period.

Submissions:
A summary of the issues raised and a response to the submission is noted below:

Issue Response:
- 2 no. submissions related to the proximity of one ramp to the nearby house entrances. The proposed ramp will be moved east towards the junction to ensure a minimum of 3m clearance from the entrance to the start of the ramp
- As the majority of traffic enters from the N11 the ramp closest to Shanganagh Road should be removed. The speed surveys showed that a percentage of traffic approaching the junction with Shanganagh Road was in excess of the speed limit and it would not be proposed to remove this ramp
- The ramps should be kerb to kerb to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Installing ramps kerb to kerb requires additional drainage to be installed.
- There are no identified desire lines for pedestrians at the proposed ramp locations. The proposed gap to allow for drainage provides a smooth surface for the cyclists to use and does not require them to travel over the ramp.

Recommendation:
As noted above it is proposed to move one ramp east towards the junction with Shanganagh Road. We are recommending that the scheme proceed to detailed design and construction. It is anticipated that the scheme could be constructed in Q2 2017

Councillor
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General Rules

Who can take part? Any child aged 6 to 16 years who lives in Shankill is welcome to compete in the Shankill Area Community Games. A competitor may progress in one individual event, one team event and one relay. You do not need to be in a club to take part in any of the above events. The only requirement is that you reside in the Shankill catchment area.

Age Categories: Please ensure that your child enters the correct age category. Please note that the cut off date for Community Games is 31st July. For example in order to compete in U12 age category this year the competitor must not turn 12 years before the 31st of July 2017. If the competitor will be 12 before 31st July this year they will move up to the next age category. Entry in incorrect age group will result in disqualification.

Preregistration is required for all the above events. €3.00 will cover entry to all events. Application forms available in St. Anne's Resource Centre with the opportunity to register and speak with us on Sat 11th March from 4pm to 6pm and Sunday 12th March from 11.30am to 1pm in St Anne's Resource Centre. Forms also available in local schools or by emailing ***shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com***

Date for the Diary

Art the Shankill Area Art competition will take place in St. Anne's National School. From 2pm to 4pm on 26th March 2017. It is open to boys and girls age U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16. This is a supervised competition. Competitors will be required to paint/draw/sketch or collage under supervision. The artwork will be based on any Community Games Activity and competitors supply their own art materials. Maximum size will be 60cm x 70cm. First 2 in each age category will be eligible to go forward to represent Shankill in the Dublin finals Sat. 10th June 2017. Pre-registration required.

Handwriting competition will take place in St. Anne's National School from 12noon until 2pm on Sunday 26th March. This competition is open to boys and girls U10 and U12. This is a supervised competition where competitors will be required in their own handwriting to copy a piece of text. First 2 in each age category will be eligible to go forward to represent Shankill in Dublin Finals on 1st June 2017. Please preregister for this event.

Athletics will take place in Shanganagh Park on Sunday 23rd April 2017. Short and middle distance races for each age group from U8 to U16yrs. A fun afternoon for all with a chance to represent Shankill in the Dublin Finals on 17th/18th June 2017. Pre-registration required.

Cross Country
Trials for the Dublin panel take place in Tymon Park on Wed 8th March at 6.30pm for boys and girls U12, U13 and U14 yrs if you are interested, email: shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com

GAA we plan to enter football teams in boys U10 team and girls U12 and girls U14yrs again. First matches will be in April.

Rugby boys U11 and Soccer girls U12 and U15 first matches took place on 12th Feb. 2017 (see separate update)

Soccer boys U12 still time to enter if you are interested first matches in April 2017.

For more information on any of the above see Community Games.ie, like us on Facebook or email **Shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com**

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Our teams
Currently we have girls and boys teams in Hurling, Camogie and Gaelic football from under 8 years to under 10 years. These teams play in the "GO GAMES" programme and blitz matches with other clubs. There is no child ever left sitting on the sidelines, every one gets a game. There is also an under 13 years and under 11 years girls football teams who play in the Dublin leagues. Finally we have an adult men's football team who play in league and championship in Dublin.

Where do we play?
The Academy and all of our under age teams play in Shanganagh Castle on Saturday all day and on Sunday mornings as the season progresses. We have changing rooms which contains toilet and hand washing facilities. The Men's adult football team play in Shanganagh Cliffs on Sundays.

Juvenile Academy
The Academy meets every Saturday morning at 10.00am to 11.00am in Shanganagh Castle (winter months indoors at St Laurence's College). The age group is from 4 to 8 years of age and is for both girls and boys. The cost is €2 per child and there is no annual subscription. Qualified coaches are always in attendance and all equipment is provided free of charge. So we would like to invite you to come along and give the Academy a try. All training sessions are carried out in a safe and fun environment.

Our sponsors. Last year we launched our "Friends of Shankill GAA" campaign which saw us linking in with local businesses on a greater level than ever before. Our members and supporters received and availed of the discount vouchers which we distributed over the summer as part of this campaign. Thank you to all those businesses who rallied behind us and helped

Sam Maguire in Shankill: Sam came to visit our primary schools in Shankill. Excitement was at fever pitch in each school as the children gave us a warm welcome, they sang and clapped and made it a brilliant occasion. Perhaps one day in the future we will see a Shankill GAA Club player collect Sam in Croke Park or indeed one of our lady players lift the Brendan Martin All Ireland Cup.

GAA Club

make possible milestones such as first ever Golf Classic, largest ever summer camp and a thriving children's Academy. Here is a reminder of those businesses that supported us last year and please remember, the best way that we can say thanks is to support our sponsors with our spend.

It's what dreams are made of and they often come true. We would like to thank the teachers and staff of Scoil Mhuire, Rathmichael, St Anne's and Gael Scoil Padraig for their warm welcome and giving of their time for the event. We do hope order was easily restored in the class rooms after we had gone.
Thank you all so much.

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Club Lotto

At the time of going to press the jackpot is whopping €1300. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available from any committee member or in Brady's Pub.

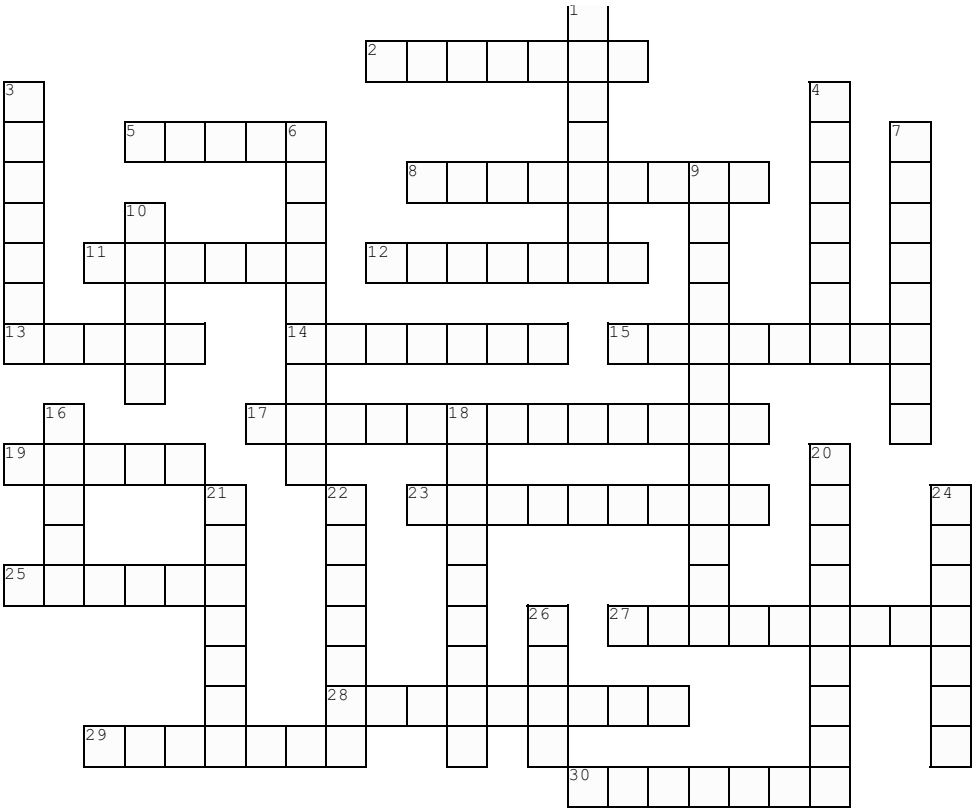
Golf Classic

Last years Golf Classic which was a brilliant day out for the club and is coming back again this year. The venue is Woodbrook Golf Club and the date is Friday 30th June 2017. Cost for team of four players is €300 which includes food and a Hooley in Brady's Pub. The number of teams is limited so get your booking in early. Contact Jimmy Nolan 087 2633203. The time sheet is open NOW.

The Village

The excitement was not confined to our schools, on the streets of our village Sam was weaving his magic. The Post Office staff evacuated out onto the foot path, Ciara Lambert's shop came to stop and possibly some hair extensions or colour jobs may have gone south. At Brady's you couldn't get a drink for love or money as staff and customers all had to have pictures, up in the Bar-B-Q centre mayhem ensued, Pat O'Loughlin sorry we missed you, all the business in the centre there were well just Topnotch. All winter ills and chills were forgotten in O'Donnell's pharmacy; Sam was dispensing his special magic medicine. Finally to the Centra shop where madness reigned for some considerable time. Alas all too soon Sam had to depart from Shankill for another appointment, apologies to those we missed there was never enough time. Strange the number of people who having hugged and kissed Sam declared that they were now ready to meet their maker, I wonder.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



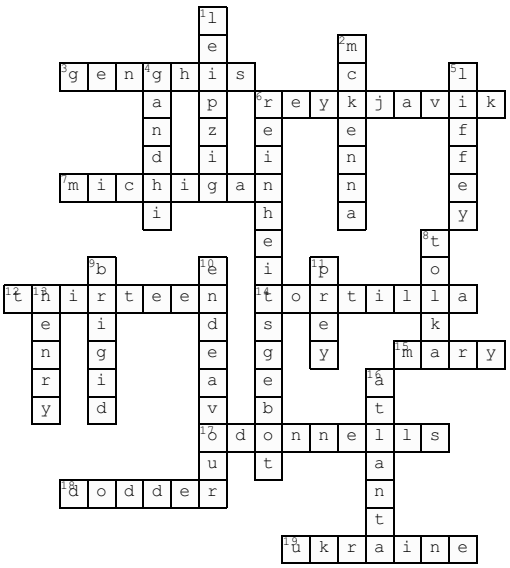
Across

2. Island home of Peig Sayers
5. Alloy of copper and zinc
8. **G**UBU
11. A young swan, but sounds like a type of ring
12. Ireland's Michael, 1992 Olympic Boxing Gold
13. Saint, closely associated with Glendalough
14. RTE reporter Teresa, windswept dancer
15. Campus location of UCD
17. GUB**U**
19. Johnny, Ireland's Eurovision Legend
23. Code name of the atomic bomb project
25. Cormac, current Cathaoirleach of DLRCC
27. Thus Spoke Zarathustra author
28. _____ Terreace, home to the National Concert Hall
29. Epsom Derby winner, horsenapped
30. Dublin Gaelic football goal keeper, Stephen

Down

1. Irish Dramatist, 1969 Nobel winner
3. Steve who co-founded Apple
4. GU**B**U
6. _____ Bay, just south of Dun Laoghaire
7. Collective portmanteau for Oxford and Cambridge
9. G**U**BU
10. Location of Aleppo
16. Stephanie, Shankill's own soccer ace
18. First name of Irish President who resigned in 1976
20. Former name of Dun Laoghaire
21. Berry used in the production of gin
22. Largest planet in this solar system
24. Irish female author Ahern, daughter of a former Taoiseach
26. Bean curd, popular in Chinese cuisine

Answer to February Crossword Puzzle



Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

CHERRYWOOD DEVELOPMENT

Cherrywood is the single largest undeveloped land-bank in the county of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is approximately 360 hectares in size. The ground breaking event to mark the construction of a new Town Centre there, which will include 4,000 new homes, was held on Thursday 9th February. The first phase of the scheme has started and involves the construction of the road and utility infrastructure and three major parks. This first phase will also provide almost 4,000 new high quality homes which will provide a mixture of houses, apartments and townhouses. These units will accommodate almost 15,000 people over the next 3 years. The provision of physical, social and educational infrastructure is a major condition of the planning permission.

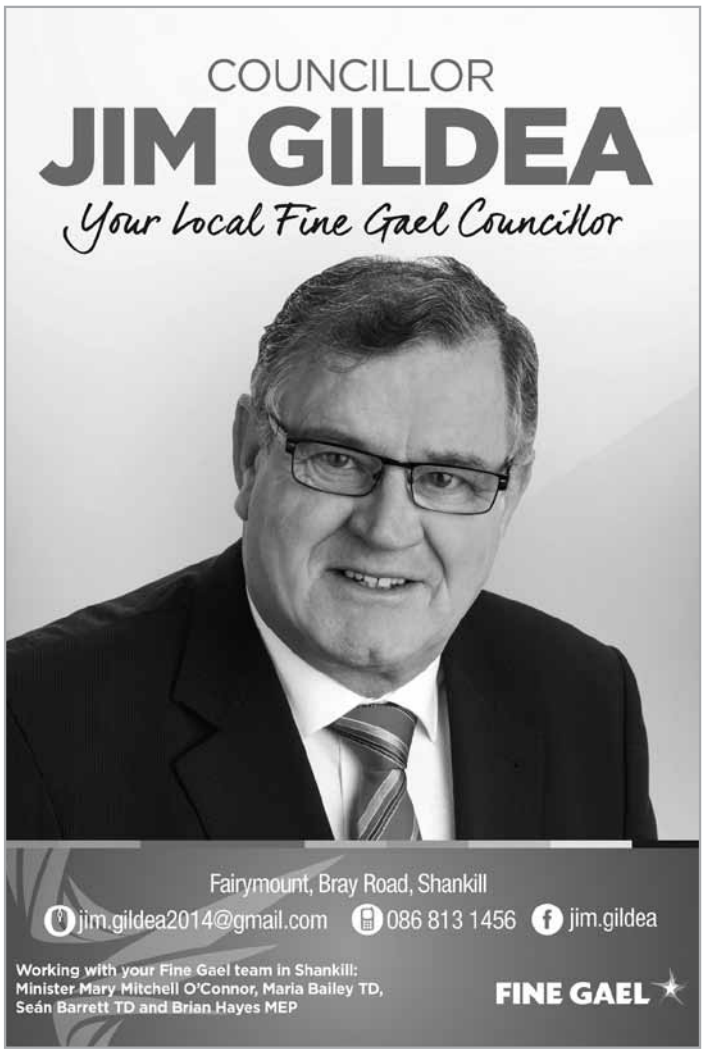
Further stages will involve the construction of two primary schools and a post-primary school. In addition to the new homes, schools and parkland, the development will provide for 53,000 sq. m of retail space, complementing 52,000 sq.m of office space.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council say Cherrywood will be an exceptional development of residential, office, retail & multi-use parkland that will be at the vanguard of new town planning not just in Ireland but across the EU. Eventually Cherrywood will support over 7,700 new homes, with a population of up to 30,000 people living in an area developed sympathetically with the landscape.

The delivery of the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone will involve significant construction works over the next 18 months. Details of the infrastructure to be provided can be found at:
http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/planning/cherrywood-sdz

Major Road works in connection with the project began on the Wyattville dual carriageway between the M50 junction 16 and the N11 in early February 2017. These works will continue for the remainder of the year. The primary focus of this phase of the infrastructure works is the upgrading of the Wyattville Roundabout to a signalised junction, and the upgrading of Tullyvale Road. It involves road construction, road drainage, public lighting and provision of utilities, etc.

Traffic restrictions will be in place for the duration of the works and delays can be expected. NOTE that Pay and Display parking on Tullyvale Road ceased permanently from 1st February 2017, however, Pay and Display parking is available adjacent to the Brides Glen Luas stop on the Cherrywood Avenue Extension.



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Golf Classic, Social Evening and Bumper Raffle

The Parents Association are planning to hold a Golf Classic (Date to be confirmed in April/May) in order to raise funds towards the construction of our all-weather playing facility. The golf classic will take place in Woodbrook Golf Club and will be followed by a social evening (dinner and music) which is open to all parents and friends as well as those who played golf during the day if they wish. The annual school raffle will also take place at this event. With the support of everyone we hope to raise €7,500 from the entire day. Full details will be available soon but in the meantime we are looking for parents, past-pupils, friends etc. to consider helping out in any of the following ways:

1) Volunteer to help out with the organisation of the day
2) Consider entering a team of four people in the golf classic (Price to be confirmed)
3) Sponsor a tee or a green (Price to be confirmed)
4) Buy a ticket for the social evening
5) Buy a ticket for the raffle
6) Sponsor a prize for the golf competition (4 of each required) or for the raffle

If you are interested in any of the above, please email *parentscouncil@woodbrookcollege.ie* and a member of the association will be in contact with you. Please consider supporting this very worthy cause so that we can further add to the great facilities here in Woodbrook for the benefit of your children.

1st Year Girls Basketball

Congratulations to our 1st year girls' basketball team who won two of their three league matches this term. The team now progress to the next stage of the competition.

2nd Year Awards Day

Our 2nd years were rewarded for excellent attendance, hard work and contribution to school life at a recent awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of the winners and to the many other students who were very close to winning an award – better luck next time.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

Irish Water to commence site investigation work on the Old Connaught Woodbrook Water Supply Scheme

Irish Water commenced site investigation work on Monday, 23 January 2017 on the Old Connaught Woodbrook Water Supply Scheme. This project includes the construction of new reservoirs in the Ballyman area and the installation of approximately 11km of new trunk supply water mains. Once complete the project will provide improved network resilience and flexibility in servicing the designated supply area that includes parts of South Co. Dublin (Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council) and parts of north Wicklow County Council including Old Connaught, Fassaroe, Woodbrook and Rathmichael.

The site investigation works will take place in the following areas:

Thornhill Road, Co. Dublin
Old Connaught, Co. Dublin
Ballyman Road, Co. Dublin
Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin

The first phase of the project involves site investigation work which will enable Irish Water to complete the detailed design requirements for the scheme. Site investigation works are expected to take eight weeks to complete. During the site investigation, works traffic management measures will be in place and local access will be maintained at all times. Every effort will be taken to minimise disruption to residents and road users. It is not expected that the site investigation works will involve interruption to water supply.

Commenting on the Old Connaught Woodbrook Water Supply Scheme Project, Padraig Hanly, Infrastructure Programme Regional Lead for Irish Water said "The construction of new reservoirs at Ballyman and the installation of new trunk water mains for the Old Connaught Woodbrook Water Supply Scheme will provide a more secure and resilient supply of water to the areas affected in North Wicklow and South Dublin. This site investigation work will ensure Irish Water can progress with the detailed design stage of this project and is part of our ongoing investment in Ireland's water infrastructure".

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

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Warmer Homes Free Home Insulation Scheme

With temperatures set to plummet, now is the time to think about insulatingyour home.

The good news is that you could qualify for free home insulation if you are a low income home-owner living anywhere in Co. Wicklow, or nearby south Dublin areas.

Bray Area Partnership's Warmer Homes free home insulation scheme is now open for applications for 2017! It's easy to apply and services include attic insulation, draught-proofing, cavity wall insulation, lagging jackets and CFL bulbs.

To qualify for the scheme:
- you must own and live in your own home; and
- your home must have been constructed before 2006; and
- you must also be in receipt of one of the following: Fuel Allowance; Family Income Supplement; One Parent Family Payment; or Job Seekers Allowance for more than six months, with a child aged under seven years.

The scheme has insulated around 600 homes since its set-up and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with satisfied customers saying they found the workers friendly, professional, tidy and (very important!) they clean up after themselves.

The Bray Area Partnership Warmer Homes scheme is supported by the Department of Social Protection and the Sustainable Energy.

Teachers with Sam Maguire & Group Staff Photo

Following Dublin's successful All Ireland Final last September we were delighted when Shankill GAA Club and Stephen Davis, our GAA Coach, offered to bring in the Sam Maguire Cup to show to the children. This visit, together with the coaching we receive from the GAA, reinforce the excellent after school Gaelic training provided by teachers, Ms. McKenna, Ms. Scott and Mr. Timmins. Scoil Mhuire might yet provide a footballer for a future Dublin winning team!

Feel-Good fortnight in Scoil Mhuire

The Feel-Good Fortnight was launched at a sleep themed assembly. The pupils learned about sleep and were given tips about bed time routines and exercising during the day and they were also asked to keep a sleep diary.

They were told that they could bring in their slippers and a cushion for the planned daily relaxation sessions. During the fortnight there were sessions of daily mindfulness, yoga, and an art competition. The fortnight culminated in a school walk and an assembly. At the assembly, a representative from each class told us how they had benefitted from the fortnight; one child read a poem and the winners of the art competition were announced.

Scoil Mhuire Welcomes Sam Maguire!

Visits to Places of Cultural and Historical Interest

We like to ensure that each class makes at least one visit to a place of cultural or historic interest each academic year. So far this year, 5th and 6th Classes attended a performance of "Cinder & the Ellas" in The Mermaid Theatre. Ms. Downey's 2nd Class visited the Natural History Museum, Ms. McDonagh's 2nd Class went to the National Gallery of Ireland and Ms. Barrett's 4th Class visited Dalkey Castle.

Fourth Class Visit to Dalkey Castle

Second Class Visit to the National Gallery of Ireland

Great Irish Scientists You May Never Have Heard Of

by Dr. Noel Moore

John Philip Holland (1841 - 1914)

John Philip Holland was born in Liscannor, Co. Clare to coastguard John Sr. and his wife Máire. At that time, the area was predominantly Irish speaking and John Jr. grew up with English as a second language. He was educated at the local national school, St. Macreehy's and with the Christian Brothers in Ennistymon. John's father retired and moved the family to Limerick in 1853, although he died shortly thereafter. John joined the Christian Brothers (as Brother Philip) and went on to teach at a number of schools around the country. Even as a teenager, John had a passion for design and his early works, encouraged greatly by teachers, included aircraft and submarines

John left the Christian Brothers in 1873 due to ill-health and soon followed his mother and brothers, who had emigrated to Boston previously. John had continually worked on his designs, but a period of bed-rest recovering from a broken leg gave him the opportunity to focus more completely. Initially he worked with an engineering company, but soon returned to teaching with a position teaching science at St. John's Catholic School in New Jersey.

John submitted his now mature design to the US Navy, who dismissed it as "a fantastic scheme of a civilian landsman". However, there were other sources of funding at that time as the Fenian movement lead by John Devoy had a fund intended to promote physical force nationalism. The Fenians quickly recognized that such a craft could be used to great effect against the British Navy. In 1877, the first trial of the single-person, aptly named Holland I, was not a great success as someone had forgotten to insert two plugs and the craft sank on launch, leading one bystander to comment "the professor has made a coffin for himself". The following day, several successful dives were carried out and the Fenians were sufficiently impressed that the funding continued, enabling John to give up his teaching job and focus on his submarine work.

After further tests and improvements, John launched the three man Holland II in 1881. This was a much improved, 31 foot long craft, powered by a 15 horsepower motor. It was capable of 9 miles per hour on the water surface and 7 mph when submerged. Despite the secret intentions of the development, the New York Sun newspaper got hold of the news and ran a story about the "Fenian Ram". This is significant as they clearly assumed the intention was to use the craft as a battering ram as had been suggested for other designs. Perhaps they did not know that John had fitted an air-powered underwater cannon to his craft.

Internal squabbles about money lead to John parting ways with the Fenian movement, but he continued his work. In 1896, he won a competition to design and produce a submarine for the US Navy. The Navy insisted on their 'experts' being involved, leading to a craft which John himself described as 'over-engineered' and which was eventually abandoned. Holland's next attempt, Holland VI, was a great step forward at 53 feet and crewed by 15 men. After then secretary of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt recommended it, the Navy finally purchased it in 1900 and commissioned it as the USS Holland, the first US Naval Submarine to enter service. Their short-sightedness about the relationship resulted in John selling designs to the British and even building submarines for the Japanese Navy, who awarded him the Rising Sun Award for his work.

John died in 1914 and was survived by his wife Margaret and four of their seven children. He is buried less than a mile from the site of his original test launch.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

An adult Quiz was held in Shankill Tennis Club which was enjoyed by all. Frank O'Neill tested our strengths with a very interesting quiz. It was well attended. Many thanks to all the traders who sponsored the event, especially with prizes for our raffle. These were very gratefully received.

Rory Golden came on his annual visit to the school to speak about the Titanic. This is a subject that 4th Class learn about in some depth. Rory, having been down to the Titanic, was able to tell about his experience first-hand. It is always a very interesting talk.

Our Football team has played two matches in the Inter Primary League and won both of them. The first match, against Taney N.S. played in miserable conditions, was an end-to-end affair with our team coming out on top 4 – 3. The second match, played against Our Lady's N.S. Clonskeagh was also an exciting spectacle with our team coming from behind at half time to win 6 – 3. More matches are scheduled later in the term.

Our Boy's Hockey Team played Whitechurch N.S. and won 6 – 2 in a match in which Rathmichael boys always had the upper hand. The team has a tight schedule of matches coming up.

Our infant classes are involved in Aistear, which means journey in Irish. They learn through play and activity. This helps increase their vocabulary. Each week they pick a new theme and through colouring, role play, lego, construction and other activities they learn. Photographs are from the themes 'Families' (Sen. Infs.) and learning about their bodies (Jun. Infs).

Junior Infants entered a Christmas Tree made from recycled materials into a competition held at Airfield. They won First prize and a trip to Airfield for the class. Well done Junior Infants, Ms. Fox and Mrs Tischler!!

Here are some photographs of children learning about their bodies through play.

Please note that Rathmichael School has a new email address:
rathmichaelschooloffice@gmail.com

SHANGANAGH CEMETERY: UNA O'HIGGINS-O'MALLEY

by Gabriel Conroy

In this decade of national commemoration we have yet to arrive at the centenary of the bloody Civil War that divided nationalists over the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921. While there is little to celebrate in our remembrance of that dreadful conflict, some good did emerge in its aftermath. Several years after hostilities had ceased, three members of the defeated side gunned down a government minister, Kevin O'Higgins, as he walked to Sunday Mass along Booterstown Avenue. The family he left behind included a five-month-old daughter named Una who grew up never knowing her father. Yet one detail of that awful day shaped her life. As he lay mortally wounded, it was reported in the press that the barely conscious man repeatedly forgave his assailants. Una grew up imbued with the conviction that forgiveness is essential. In her old age she described it as a gift she received from God.

Una O'Higgins was well-connected within the Catholic professional class that played a significant role in Ireland's modern history. As a small child she looked forward to visits from 'Daddy Tim', her name for great uncle Timothy Healy, first governor general of the Irish Free State. When she was thirteen, her widowed mother married the well-known solicitor Arthur Cox, a close friend of her late father and firmly on the pro-Treaty side during the Civil War. In a small way, Una's own wedding in 1952 demonstrated that the divisions created by that conflict could be mended. Her new husband was a Galway surgeon named Eoin O'Malley whose extended family, which included then President Sean T. O'Kelly, had been opposed to the Treaty. Nevertheless, Una and Eoin enjoyed a long and happy union and he supported his wife in her efforts to end the bitter legacy of Ireland's painful past.

Over the course of her life Una O'Higgins O'Malley (as she now was) involved herself in numerous causes to advance the principle of forgiveness in Irish society. But her commitment to that principle was sorely tested when, in 1987, she learnt that one of her father's killers had danced on his grave in Glasnevin Cemetery. Overcoming her revulsion at this news, she showed her forgiveness by arranging for a memorial Mass to be said for her father and his three assassins. As a result of that gesture, the son of another of the gunmen contacted Una and revealed to her his late father's remorse at what he had done sixty years before. Bill Gannon, previously a disciple of Michael Collins, never forgot Kevin O'Higgins' words of forgiveness to him and his associates as they stood over their victim. On his deathbed Gannon made his son promise to tell the full story of the assassination and this led him to the slain minister's daughter. Looking back on their emotional meeting, Una wrote of it as a 'bonus' from God that strengthened her own faith.

Una O'Higgins O'Malley passed away on 18th December 2005 in her seventy-ninth year. A little over a year later her husband Eoin followed and they lie together in Shanganagh Cemetery.

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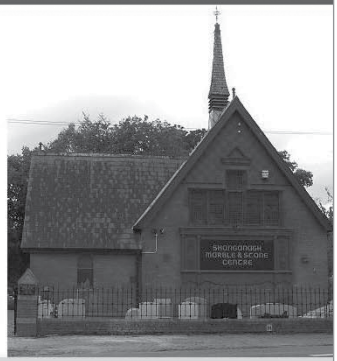

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Shankill Old Folks Association (SOFA)

A warm welcome awaits those over 60 in the Shankill area at the Afternoon Tea Club in the Daycare centre from 2 to 4pm every Wednesday. Tea, sandwiches and cakes are provided as well as a raffle and bingo session. Members can avail of the outings to Bradys at Valentines and Halloween and we venture further afield for the summer outing. We will have a special treat on March 15th when Anne Hickey comes to sing for us – she is a trained soprano and lives locally.

Membership of the Club costs €5 per year with a €2 donation on the day. No referral is required. Contact Jacinta on 01 2826364 at the Daycare Centre to find out more and join in the chat and friendship.

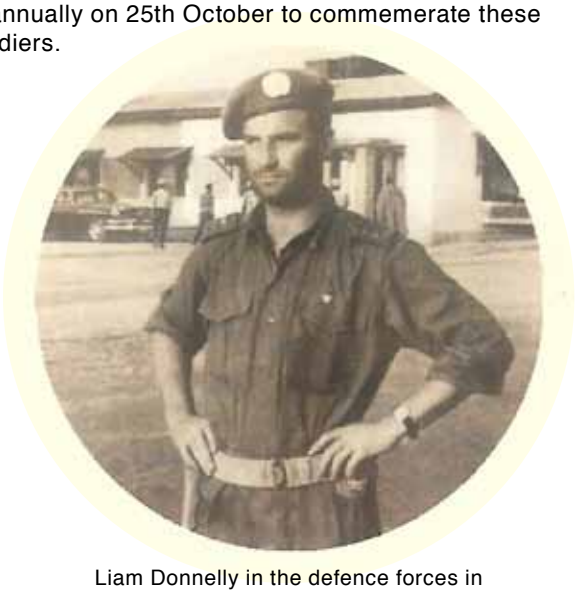
Phil Lyons has been providing Reminiscence sessions at the centre with interesting outcomes. Each session runs for one hour over a six week period. Exploring family backgrounds, growing up, getting married, Christmas memories, old implements etc has led to discussion among the clients as they recall their memories of events during their lives. Photos from the past illustrating this are being included in a scrap book. It is an enjoyable initiative and good fun while stirring up wonderful memories of past times.

Peter and Kay at Bray Head in 1952 – they married 2 years later and were together for 58 years.

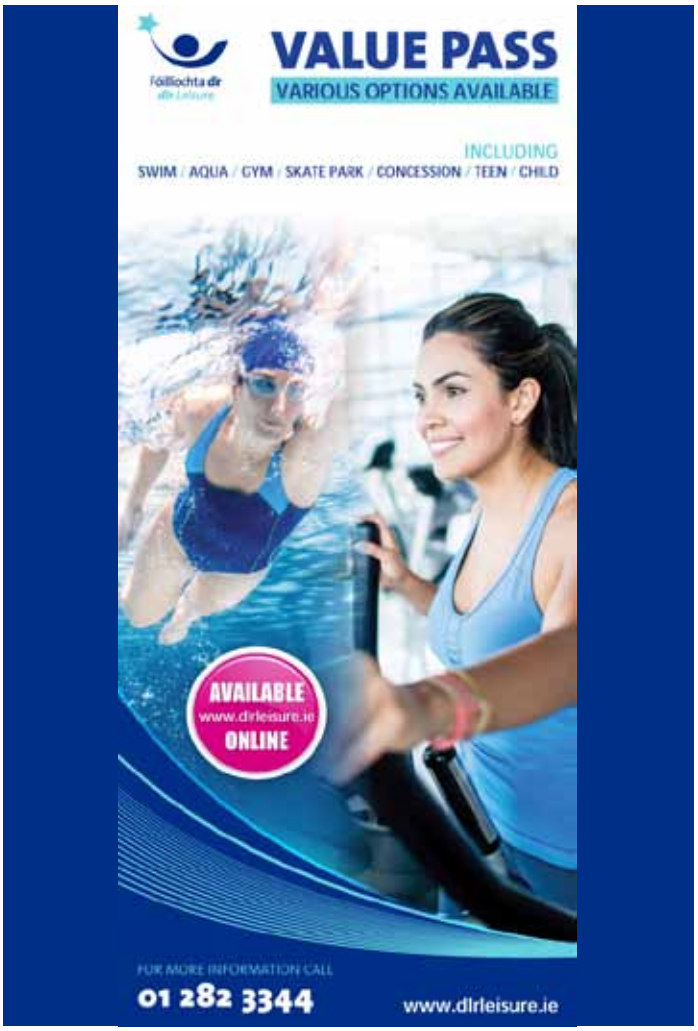
An old iron – a reminder of hard work in the domestic area of the house.

Liam Donnelly, who attended the Daycare Centre, sadly passed away in early January. He was a member of the Defence Forces and campaigned over many years for recognition of the soldiers involved in the Siege of Jadotville in 1961. This culminated in a ceremony in September 2016 (55 years later) to honour them for their bravery.

It was a proud day for Liam and Jadotville Day will be celebrated annually on 25th October to commemerate these brave soldiers.



Liam Donnelly in the defence forces in the 1960s.



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Local History Society Lectures

Wednesday March 1st at 8p.m.: Theresa Hicks will present her lecture *'The Kennedys of Mount Kennedy'* to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4.

Thursday March 2nd at 8p.m.: Brendan Twomey will present his lecture *'Jonathan Swift and Money: Swift – clergyman, author, and innovative pro-banker'* to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Monday March 6th at 7.30 p.m.: Ms. Katherine McSharry will present her talk *'Picturing Ireland: a view of the nation from the National Library's collections'* to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. All welcome.

Tuesday March 7th at 8 p.m.: The Earl of Meath will present his lecture *'The Brabazon Family History, and Kilruddery House and Gardens'* to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
All welcome – admission €3.

Wednesday March 8th at 6 p.m.: Mark Davies will present his lecture *'King of all Balloons: the first flight across the Irish Sea to Holyhead in 1817 and other aerial escapade'* to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
All welcome – admission free.

Thursday March 9th at 8 p.m.: Bryan MacMahon will present his lecture *'Captain Flora Sandes: an Irishwoman in the Serbian Army in the Great War'* to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – Contribution €3.
At 8.30 p.m. Frank Tracy will present his lecture *'The Story of Glencree'* to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €4.

Friday March 10th at 8 p.m.: Dr. Bernard Kelly will present his lecture *'Belligerent Internment in Ireland during the Second World War'* to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.
All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Tuesday March 14th at 8 p.m.: Ms. Ciara Kerrigan will present her lecture *'National Library Ireland, The Manuscript Collections of the Genealogical Office'* to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Thursday March 16th at 8 p.m.: Dr. Charles Hannon will present his lecture *'Roger Casement and 1916'* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All Welcome – Visitors €5.

Tuesday March 21st at 8 p.m.: John McKeown will present his lecture *'Grand Revival – Royal Restored'* to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Liam Doyle will give a short talk on 'W.S.Gosset'. All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday March 22nd at 6 p.m.: *'Open Evening & Presentation on the Old Dublin Society's website and library'* in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.
At 8 p.m. Cormac Lowth will present his lecture *'The History of Dun Laoghaire Harbour - great many aspects of the Harbour over the past two hundred years, 1817 – 2017'* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – entrance €3.

Thursday March 23rd at 7.30 p.m.: Susie Bioletti will present her lecture *'The Early Irish Manuscripts Project at Trinity College Dublin'* to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. All welcome.

Saturday March 25th 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Local History Society Group Day – 4 talks from local history societies in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
All welcome – admission free.

Tuesday March 28th at 6.30 p.m.: The Dalkey Library Local History Group meets in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

A Book to Read

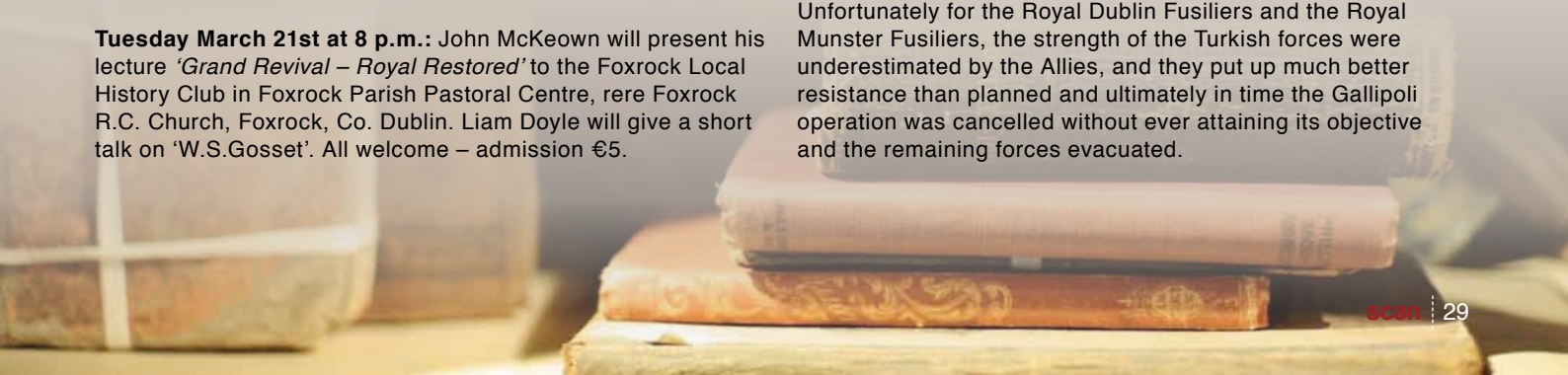
'Beneath a Turkish Sky – The Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Assault on Gallipoli ' by Philip Lecane, published by The History Press Ireland.

The 1915 Gallipoli campaign was intended to remove Germany's ally, Turkey, from the First World War. While the bulk of the Allied troops taking place were Australian and New Zealand, its often overlooked that there was substantial Irish participation in this operation through the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and in this remarkable, fascinating and detailed book, Philip Lecane recalls their participation in the landings at Sedd el Bahr.

Drawing from letters, photographs, and variety of sources, Philip Lecane introduces the reader to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and to many of the officers and men who later appear in the narrative as the story of the landings and subsequent fighting unfolds.

In order to protect the assaulting Royal Dublin Fusiliers, accompanied by the Royal Munster Fusiliers, from Turkish fire during their landing at the beach of Sedd el Bahr on 25 April 1915, they were packed into the modified steamer SS River Clyde which was to run up to the beach and then from which the troops were to disembark from specially cut exits for this purpose but the ship grounded short of the beach and the troops had to disembark and make their way ashore on ships' boat while all the time under enemy fire.

Unfortunately for the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Royal Munster Fusiliers, the strength of the Turkish forces were underestimated by the Allies, and they put up much better resistance than planned and ultimately in time the Gallipoli operation was cancelled without ever attaining its objective and the remaining forces evacuated.



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D16A/0407 Seeking Permission Date: 02-Jun-2016
Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds): 26-Jan-2017
Gas Networks Ireland. Site between 108A, Eaton Wood and railway line accessed from Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Permission for development of a safety enhancement to the existing gas mains network comprising the installation of a vent flue up to circa 3.5m in height to the existing underground District Regulator Installation & associated site development works.

D17A/0065 Seeking Permission Date: 26-Jan-2017
Woodbrook Campus Limited. The Aske House, Dublin Road, Bray, Co Dublin. also known as The Aske, Old Bray Road, Shankill, Co Dublin)
Development of a Specialist Hospital for 56 in-patients, out-patient care and teaching unit, including works to Protected Structures. The works comprise:

A. Change of Use of The Aske House, stables and out buildings, a part single and part two storey Protected Structure, from existing residential use to Educational use associated with the Specialist Hospital and incorporating internal alterations and refurbishment works to provide 10 single bed en-suite bedrooms, seminar rooms, library/reading rooms, administration offices, dining area, kitchen, staff changing and ancillary accommodation.

B. Change of Use of existing single storey Gate Lodge, a Protected Structure, from residential use to Transitionary Accommodation Unit associated with the Specialist Hospital incorporating alterations and refurbishment works, with existing structure requiring part demolition of rear single storey extension and new single storey extension to rear for kitchen and shower room.

C. New single storey Specialist Hospital in-patient and out-patient Treatment and Therapy building incorporating main reception/ admissions and waiting area, treatment rooms, hydrotherapy pool, gym, consulting rooms, offices, kitchen and dining rooms, laundry and ancillary stores and accommodation.

D. Specialist Hospital adult in-patients accommodation for 48 single patient bedrooms within 6 X 2 storey inter-linked blocks, each unit comprising 2 X 4 bedroom living clusters and incorporating nursing office, living areas, treatment rooms, family bedrooms and ancillary accommodation.

E. Two storey Specialist Hospital in-patients accommodation for care of persons under nineteen years old with 8 X single patient bedrooms in 4 bedroom clusters, incorporating nursing office and living areas, treatment rooms, family bedrooms and ancillary accommodation.

F. Single storey garden pavilion incorporating garden maintenance equipment shed and pump house.

G. Demolition of existing single storey garage.
H. Modification/widening of existing site entrance, a Protected Structure, onto Dublin Road.

I. Remedial works to existing Crinken Woodbrook stream.

J. 84 X car parking spaces and 3 X covered cycle parking units.

K. Landscaping works to include management of existing trees and all ancillary site works and site services.

D17B/0038 Seeking Permission Date: 24-Jan-2017
Dermot Daly. Knockbeg, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Demolition of single storey detached garage and construction of new 92 sqm two storey hipped roof extension to the side together with new 112 sqm single storey split level extension to the rear and addition of a new dormer window at first floor level of existing 172 sqm two storey dwelling together with internal reconfiguration, refurbishment works and associated site works.

D17A/0082 Seeking Permission Date: 31-Jan-2017
Kasia Ozmin. Thomond, Holly Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin (A Protected Structure)
New vehicular entrances, the principal entrance at the western boundary and a secondary entrance to the stables at the northern boundary. A protected structure.

D17A/0083 Seeking Permission for Retention Date: 01-Feb-2017
Tullark Property Ltd. 193 Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention permission for a 24 sqm single storey rear extension with a pitched roof and a new vehicular and pedestrian access to existing dwelling off Library Road.

D17A/0093 Seeking Permission Date: 03-Feb-2017
Suzanne Widger. 23 Corbawn Drive, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention for the continued use as a Montessori school as per Clause 3 in granted planning permission.

D17B/0052 Seeking Permission Date: 01-Feb-2017
Damian and Stephanie Lawless. 8, Hilltop Lawn, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of a single storey extension with a floor area of 89.21 sqm to side and rear of existing house comprising a) 2 bedroom granny flat, b) bedroom with en-suite bathroom, c) new front entrance and hall, d) minor internal alterations and e) associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D11A/0514/E GRANT EXTENSION OF DURATION OF PERM. Date: 31-Jan-2017
HSE (Health Services Executive) & Cian McDonald. Lower Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of a new two storey primary healthcare centre and all associated site services, site works, car parking and boundary treatments, to replace existing single-storey health centre.

D16A/0649 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 01-Feb-2017
Edwin & Zita Whittaker. Site to side of Mornington Lodge, 2 Rathmichael Haven, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Demolish existing 2 bedroomed detached one and a half storey over semi-basement house with proprietary waste water treatment systems. New vehicular access. 2 X proprietary waste water treatment systems, one to serve existing 5 bedroomed house and associated site works.

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D16A/0793 Appeal against Refusal of Outline Perm. Date: 25-Jan-2017
Lands at Old Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
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